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In re Application of :
Schrepfer et al. :
Application No. 09/980,661 :
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ON PETITION

This decision concerns the May 28, 2004 "Petition Requesting Correction of Typographical Error Pursuant to 37 CFR 1.182 - Questions Not Specifically Provided For," requesting to correct the spelling of an inventor's last name.

The petition is **DISMISSED as moot.**

The petition raises 2 issues: spelling of an inventor's name, and, order of the joint-inventors.

Inventor's name

The petition points out that the last name of 1 of the joint inventors, Etienne Hirt, was misspelled as "Hart" in the October 2, 2003 Assignment Recordation Cover Sheet, and requests correction accordingly.

The application declaration properly lists the last name of this inventor as "Hirt" which is also the name shown in the USPTO record. Therefore, no name correction with respect to PALM is necessary. The petition is thus dismissed as moot. The \$130 petition fee enclosed with the petition has been credited to Deposit Account No. 50-0311 as authorized in the June 20, 2003 application transmittal.

Order of inventors

The petition refers to inventor Etienne Hirt as the "first inventor." However, Etienne Hirt is the third named-inventor in the application declaration. Therefore, the inventorship for the instant application is shown in the USPTO record as "Schrepfer et al." rather than "Hirt et al." If the order appearing in the application declaration is incorrect and is desired to be changed, a supplemental declaration listing the inventors in the proper order must be submitted along with a petition under 37 CFR 1.182 and the \$130 petition fee.

Finally, a copy of the instant petition is being forwarded to the Assignment Branch for correction of the last name of inventor Etienne Hirt (from "Hart" to "Hirt") in the USPTO assignment record.

Telephone inquiries should be directed to the undersigned at (703) 308-0763.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'RC Tang', is positioned above the printed name.

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